



AUGUST 2022 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN AUGUST EXPLORES
RENEWAL AND BECOMING

AUGUST 7 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE - **YOUTH**

Bridging (the transition from youthhood into young adulthood) is a moment to honor our growth and transitions along the lifespan. In this worship, we will explore how communities and ecosystems rebuild interdependence after great calamity, and honor our bridging youth in ritual.

AUGUST 14 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE - **SERVICE OF THE LIVING TRADITION**

The Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group invites you to join in honoring UU religious leaders who have died, recognize those who have completed professional service, and welcome those who have received fellowship, credentialed, or certified status in the past year. The sermon, *Radicals Rise Up - NOW Is a Moment*, is delivered by Pastor Jacqueline Duhart, Director of Spiritual Care Services at Starr King School for the Ministry.

AUGUST 21 "BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS"

School started this week! Whether you're a student in school or just a student of life, this Sunday is an opportunity to freshen up and set intentions. Bring your backpack, briefcase, purse, fanny pack, saddlebag, etc, to be blessed for the year ahead. And bring your mind, body, and heart -- they can use a blessing, too. Pastor Isabel leads this service.

AUGUST 28 "TRUSTING CHANGE"

Change is unavoidable, but it goes better when we actively participate in the process. What are some good skills to remember as we prepare for the threshold from summer to fall? Join Pastor Isabel.

HIGH-QUALITY MASKS, SUCH AS A KN95 OR N95, ARE REQUIRED in the Fellowship building for everyone age 4 and older, regardless of vaccination status.

We continue to offer a virtual option, for those who prefer to join us remotely, at <https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXIyeW1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TlZqdz09>, at 10:30 am. The meeting ID is 926 0431 3401 and the password is zeandale.

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SUNDAY SERVICES begin at **10:45 AM** at
<https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXIyeW1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TlZqdz09>

or, join us at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD.**

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COMING UP ...

Students and adults are invited to join in our special **WATER WEEKEND** activities **AUGUST 12** thru **14**. More on page 3.

UUFM Treasurer Dan Swenson offers a **REPORT ON FY 2021/22**. Review the report on page 5.



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WELCOMING CONGREGATION
Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at
www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program

ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

Summer is lovely for many of us who get a break from regular school-year obligations. The days are longer and there are more opportunities to do things for pure fun. We're as far away as possible from the "winter blues." And yet even in the summer, people may be feeling isolated. Perhaps you rely on the school year for your rhythm of social activities. Maybe the outdoors makes you itch. Meanwhile, our culture is inherently isolating. So I just want to remind you: you're not alone. If you're feeling cranky, lonely, overheated, COVID-positive, fill-in-the-blank, you're not alone. There are people who care about you and there are ways to connect. And if you need a break from peopling, that's cool too. We're here when you need us.

This summer, I'm taking a few weeks of study leave and not offering as much leadership to the various activities going on around the Fellowship. Some of your favorite people may be scarce. *You* may be scarce. What's it like when the pattern is disrupted? Are you able to keep your bearings? Do you enjoy the break? What new hopes and intentions are taking shape in the calm? As a kid, my excitement about the beginning of summer was actually surpassed by my excitement about the return of the school year. Finally--some structure. But of course, the structure would be different this time around.

Last month, many of us were drawn into ferocious activity to oppose the constitutional amendment threatening abortion rights. Because a vast majority of Unitarian Universalists oppose legal restrictions on abortion, the ballot initiative was a galvanizing experience. At first I resisted because I really wanted to rest this summer! But it was actually rejuvenating to work with you all on the campaign. As of this writing, we're not sure of the outcome of the August 2nd vote. When you read this, you may be celebrating or grieving, but no matter what, others in the Fellowship and across Manhattan and the state of Kansas will be doing the same. And no matter the outcome, we will have been changed by the experience of the fight.

We come back together later this month with renewed commitment to our shared values. If you need a few more weeks of rest, take them. But know that we're here, cleaning off our slates for new learnings. The fall will bring familiar traditions: Trunk-or-treat, Thanksgiving, Holiday Craft and Bake Craft Sale. But we'll also try some new things, starting with a Blessing of the Backpacks this month, August 21. What blessing do you need to begin the transi-

tion into fall? What final celebrations do you need before letting go of summer?

See you soon, *Pastor Isa*

Contact Pastor Isabel at pastor@uufm.net, or call or text 785 748-2533. Schedule Zoom, in-person or phone meetings at calendly.com/pastorisa. Pastor Isa will be away from the office August 8 thru 14, and August 29 thru September 6.



A SPECIAL NOTE FROM ANA FRANKLIN

I will be moving from Manhattan at the end of July, to go live near my daughter and her husband in Kansas City, Missouri. A lot of people already know this but I thought it would be good to let everyone know. I have been attending UUFM for about 20

years, and I will be missing everyone, though thanks to Zoom I will be able to join you whenever I'm feeling lonely! Manhattan and UUFM have been great communities to be part of! It's very likely that I will be back for a visit from time to time.

JOIN US FOR **WATER WEEKEND** – AUGUST 12 TO 14

Friday, **AUGUST 12**: Screening of **FINDING NEMO** during Parent Night Out.

Saturday, **AUGUST 13**: **FREE SWIM** (courtesy of UUFM) at Northview Pool. Free entry from 1 - 1:30 pm or by arrangement.

Sunday, **AUGUST 14**: **CANOE ADVENTURE** during RE class at Pillsbury Crossing (or Pott County State Fishing Lake 2).

OUTDOOR FUN FOR EVERYONE - EVERY SATURDAY, 1 TO 3 PM

We gather each Saturday from 1 to 3 pm, at CiCo Park! The playground is great, there's a big field for knocking a ball around or flying kites, and parking is easy. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join the fun. It's been so hot, **WE'RE MEETING AT NORTHVIEW POOL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**, as part of Water Weekend. Find Sandy at the entrance under the rainbow umbrella between 1 and 1:30 pm, and UUFM will pay for your entry. Bring the whole family! Timing not right for you and your family? Contact Sandy to arrange another time.



PARENT NIGHT OUT / KID NIGHT IN - AUGUST 12, 6 - 9 PM

Parents, are you interested in a night out? Kids, are you interested in a night in? The second Friday of the month is the event you've been waiting for! Parent Night Out (Kid Night In) is for children from 3-12 years old who can toilet on their own with minimal assistance. We watch a movie, have some snacks, and games and art projects are available. A \$5 per child contribution helps us cover expenses. Dinner is NOT served at Parent Night Out. Please be sure your kids are fed before arriving. REMEMBER: THIS IS AN RSVP EVENT AND SPACE IS LIMITED. Please RSVP to Sandy, at dre@uufm.net, no later than Wednesday, August 10. You'll receive a confirmation email with the location details. As part of Water Weekend, we'll be screening *Finding Nemo*.

RE CANOE ADVENTURE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Water Weekend concludes with our annual canoe event at Pillsbury Crossing. We'll leave EARLY from the fellowship at 10 am. Let Sandy know if you can help with carpooling. Permission forms will need to be completed prior to departure for kids going without parents. EVERYONE is invited to come out after the service and picnic. Have your own canoe, kayak, or life jacket? Bring it with you.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students and educators are invited to bring backpacks, book bags, briefcases, etc, for a back to school blessing on Sunday, AUGUST 21. We'll have a special tag to adorn your bag as a reminder of your UUFM family. Worshipping online or can't make it that day? Let Sandy know so she can drop off your special tag. Contact Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

PREVIOUS CANOE ADVENTURES

OUR SUMMER WORLD TRAVELERS
'CANOE ADVENTURE IS ALWAYS
A FAVORITE ACTIVITY.



REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)

Remember, all children must be registered for the 2022/2023 school year. Registration forms are available at <http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160>.

DRE'S SCHEDULE

Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Sandy will be on vacation August 8 to 12, but will be connected via phone, text, and email. Contact Sandy at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL

The Wednesday **LUUNCH BUUNCH** meets virtually EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon. If you would like an invitation to this Zoom gathering, please contact Kathleen Oldfather at 785 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

The **UU COFFEE GROUP** meets on Zoom THURSDAYS, at 9:30 am. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Contact Jane Pelletier for an invitation at 785 537-0954 or mjanepelletier@gmail.com.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets Friday, AUGUST 26, at 10 am. For this month's title and a Zoom invitation, contact Susan Adamchak at sadamchak@kansas.net.

BEER AND THEOLOGY

Beer and Theology gathers on the first Friday of each month. In August, join us on Friday, AUGUST 5, at 7 pm. Bring a chair and a beverage of your choice. Learn more from Chris Bailey at meadbailey@gmail.com.



FIREFLY OPEN CIRCLE

In August, the Firefly Open Circle invites all to learn about and celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi (or Vinayaka Chaturthi), a Hindu festival honoring the birth of Ganesha / Ganapati in Hindu religions, from 5 to 8 m, on Saturday, AUGUST 27. The potluck portion and all activities at the gathering will be a part of the celebration. Please bring a dish to share and arrive before 5:30 so we have time to set up and start the celebration. Depending on the weather, we may be both indoors and outdoors; please dress accordingly. Ganesha is viewed as the remover of obstacles and evils, and the bringer of new beginnings. Offerings to Ganesha, if you choose to bring one (no pressure!), include sweet and savory treats, red colored items, sandalwood, conch shells, and fruits (particularly bananas). Full participation in the "festival" is not required--if you are interested in learning more without fully engaging, that is perfectly okay. The celebration itself will include dinner, a discussion about the festival, honoring Ganesh, and meditation on bringing in blessings or removing obstacles (sharing your 'wishes' with the group is acceptable but not required). Learn more from Miria at sparkofdrakaina@yahoo.com.



SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

HELPING HANDS

In AUGUST, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **FLINT HILLS COMMUNITY CLINIC**, providing basic health care for families and individuals in our area without health care coverage. Learn more at www.flinthillscommunityclinic.org/.

In July, Fellowship members and friends contributed Sunday morning collections to The Guardians. THANK YOU all for your generous donations! Donate on-line to Helping Hands, or give to UUFM's General Operating fund, at uufm.net/donate/.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE



Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, and chocolate and tea are available for purchase at the Fellowship on Sundays. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 785 340-5001 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

Equal Exchange works in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (uusc.org), following the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products.

UUFM BLESSING BOX



UUFM is sponsoring a **BLESSING BOX** and **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** at Wonder Workshop. Doug Walter reports our box has received notably increasing demand, especially in the past few weeks. To contribute shelf-stable food, cleaning and hygiene products, or children's and youth books, contact Doug at kbsi@cox.net. Or, drop by Wonder Workshop, at 506 S 4th Street, and stock the boxes with your items. Please remember, *financial support is vital to maintain a regular stock of staples*. You can donate funds to help support the boxes at uufm.net/donate/.

AFGHAN FAMILY FUND

We have set up a fund at the Fellowship to help refugee families coming to Manhattan from Afghanistan. You can make out a check to UUFM and note [in the memo line] that it is for the Afghan Family Fund. Or, donate electronically at uufm.net/donate/.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2022 (END OF FISCAL YEAR)

May 31 ends our fiscal year, so we now can look back and summarize for the whole year.

Our budgeted income and expenses were \$173,811. We expected donations to total \$151,500 and we expected to withdraw \$22,311 from the endowment to cover the shortfall. The good news is that our donation income was \$167,045, exceeding our expectations! In the end we only needed to withdraw \$6,766 to cover our actual shortfall.

UUFM Budget	2021-22 Budget	Year to date 5/31/2022	Percent of Budget
Income			
Contributions-Cash	500.00	197.00	39.40
Contributions-Non-pledge (Grow Green)	3,000.00	19,283.40	642.78
Contributions-Pledges	145,000.00	141,267.68	97.43
Fund Raising	2,000.00	2,303.10	115.16
Memorial Donations			
Other Income (Grow Green fund distribution)	1,000.00	3,994.60	399.46
Endowment Distribution	22,311.00	16,000.00	71.71
Total Income	173,811.00	183,045.78	105.31

Our expenses for the year were \$173,534, just about exactly what we had budgeted. Sunday Services (honoraria) and Administration (administrator computer purchase) were two categories that exceeded budget. But in general, it was good to match our budget.

We were left with a Net Income, income minus expenses of \$9,510.

UUFM Budget	2021-22 Budget	Year to date 5/31/2022	Percent of Budget
Expense			
Administration	3,150.00	5,025.66	159.54
Caring	100.00	68.19	68.19
Communications/Publicity	3,500.00	2,948.15	84.23
Dues	9,950.00	10,945.00	110.00
Facilities	10,655.00	13,122.49	123.16
Green Sanctuary	100.00		0.00
Insurance	3,412.00	3,930.00	115.18
Leadership Development	2,000.00	1,199.95	60.00
Legal Fees	50.00	40.00	80.00
Membership	400.00	224.72	56.18
Minister's Discretionary Fund	300.00		0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Music	350.00		0.00
Payroll	127,284.00	123,776.02	97.24
Religious Education	1,960.00	1,425.78	72.74
Sitter	200.00	160.00	80.00
Social	700.00	121.04	17.29
Social Action	2,500.00	1,850.00	74.00
Stewardship	200.00	69.60	34.80
Sunday Services	1,500.00	3,454.09	230.27
Utilities	5,500.00	5,174.15	94.08
Total Expense	173,811.00	173,534.84	99.84

In summary, we can feel good about this year. Our donations exceeded expectations and we managed expenses. We did not completely cover expenses with donations but were only short by \$6,766. This makes me hopeful for the future.

Daniel Swenson, UUFM Treasurer

Contact Fellowship Treasurer Dan Swenson at 785 341-1973 or swenson.home@gmail.com, to learn more about Fellowship finances, or to ask how you can make your pledge for the coming fiscal year (June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023).

GREETING TEAMS

Aug 7: Les Loschky, and Harriette Janke
Aug 14: Chris Bailey, Betty Banner, and
Judy Exdell
Aug 21: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and
Lindsay Smith
Aug 28: Jessica Sievers, Taryn Warner,
and Deirdre Greeley

Our coffee and greeting teams have sprung back into action creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere on Sunday mornings. Learn more about coffee and greeting team volunteers from Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-3175 or shirleyhobrock2@gmail.com.

BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

The UUFM building is now available to reserve, with limited group size, length of use, and the expectation that those using the building will practice reasonable social distancing and cleaning following use. Please contact Susan Turner to schedule your meeting space, at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

Administrator's Schedule

Monday,	Aug	1 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Aug	2 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Aug	4 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Aug	8 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Aug	9 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Aug	11 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Aug	15 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Aug	16 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Aug	18 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Aug	22 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Aug	23 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Aug	25 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Aug	29 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Aug	30 - 12 to 5 pm

Drop in at the Fellowship during Susan Turner's office hours or call 785 537-2349. She may be reached at any time at office@uufm.net.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net to **UPDATE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE, or EMAIL**, or to **CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** to this newsletter. You may also contact Susan to learn how to join our private **COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS FACEBOOK** group.

If you are considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, learn more from our Welcoming chair Shirley Hobrock at shirleyhobrock2@gmail.com or 785 776-3175.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost.

An audio version of *UU World* is available for those with vision or reading difficulties. To subscribe, contact Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Everyone can read *UU World* articles online at www.uuworld.org.

Join in discussions of interest; receive information on community events, and last-minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact Susan Turner at office@uufm.net to subscribe.

Consider the convenience of **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and automatic monthly contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a regular basis. Learn more from Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at 785 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com. You can also make pledge payments, contribute to our General Operating fund, or give to our Helping Hands recipient directly, at uufm.net/donate. *Thank you!*

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MORNING** with announcements and information for inclusion in the Sunday morning order of service and Sunday announcement slides.

CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Providing support to one another is one of the most important things we do as religious community. Our Caring Team is ready to support you, or help you in supporting others. If you're sick and could use someone to do errands, or can use any kind of assistance or support, please let us know at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the August 2022 edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Monday, **AUGUST 15**. Submissions received later may not be included in the newsletter. Send your newsletter contributions to Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. *If you cannot get your submission in by the August 15 deadline, please contact Susan to arrange a deadline extension.*

AUGUST 2022 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

3

12 NOON
LUUNCH BUUNCH
Kathleen Oldfather
kjoldfather@gmail.com

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9:30 AM
UU COFFEE GROUP
12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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7 AM **HAPPY KITCHEN** breakfast
St Paul's Episcopal Church
7 PM
BEER AND THEOLOGY
Chris Bailey
meadbailey@gmail.com

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1 TO 3 PM **OUTDOOR FUN**
CiCo Park playground
Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net

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10:45 AM **SUNDAY SERVICE**
General Assembly Service - Youth

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM **BOARD MEETING**
Amy Betz
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12 NOON
LUUNCH BUUNCH
Kathleen Oldfather
kjoldfather@gmail.com

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9:30 AM
UU COFFEE GROUP
12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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7 AM **HAPPY KITCHEN** breakfast
St Paul's Episcopal Church
6 TO 9 PM
PARENT NIGHT OUT
at the Fellowship
Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net

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1 PM **OUTDOOR FUN**
FREE SWIM!
Northview Pool
Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net

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10:45 AM **SUNDAY SERVICE**
General Assembly Service -
Service of the Living Tradition
UU WORLD TRAVELERS'
CANOE ADVENTURE!
Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349
last minute
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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12 NOON
LUUNCH BUUNCH
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9:30 AM
UU COFFEE GROUP
12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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7 AM **HAPPY KITCHEN** breakfast
St Paul's Episcopal Church

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1 TO 3 PM **OUTDOOR FUN**
CiCo Park playground
Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net

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10:45 AM **SUNDAY SERVICE**
Blessing of the Backpacks
Rev Dr Isabel Call

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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12 NOON
LUUNCH BUUNCH
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kjoldfather@gmail.com

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9:30 AM
UU COFFEE GROUP
12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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7 AM **HAPPY KITCHEN** breakfast
St Paul's Episcopal Church
Tom Phillips
twp1@ksu.edu
10 AM **BOOK DISCUSSION**
Susan Adamchak
sadamchak@kansas.net

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1 TO 3 PM **OUTDOOR FUN**
CiCo Park playground
Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net
FIREFLY OPEN CIRCLE
5 TO 8 PM
Ganesh Chaturthi
Miria Ryan
sparkofdrakaina@yahoo.com

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10:45 AM **SUNDAY SERVICE**
Trusting Change
Rev Dr Isabel Call

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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